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Docket No. ASA-1174

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/798,276 Confirmation No. 6453  
Applicant : M. HIRAMATSU et al.  
Filed : March 12, 2004  
Title : COMPUTER SYSTEM AND DETECTING METHOD FOR  
DETECTING A SIGN OF FAILURE OF THE COMPUTER SYSTEM  
TC/AU : 2114  
Examiner : N. Iqbal  
Customer No. : 24956

**AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**A Petition for a one-month Extension of Time and required fee** accompany this paper.